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### WST-Related

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## MEDIA

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**Press release issued today: EPA Fines Fisher Sand and Gravel \$150,000 for dust violations** – The U.S. Department of Justice and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency have issued a civil penalty against Fisher Sand and Gravel of \$150,000 for failing to comply with dust mitigation regulations at three of its Maricopa County facilities. In addition, the company is required to take steps to minimize the generation of dust at its Phoenix plant.

**KTVK (Phoenix Channel 3)** – Reporter Natalie Brand had questions on Fisher press release, coordinated with ORC – CLOSED Contact: Margot Perez-Sullivan

**AZ Republic** – Reporter Michelle Lee had questions on Fisher press release, coordinated with ORC – CLOSED Contact: Margot Perez-Sullivan

**Bloomberg** – calling to confirm EPA letter to US Army Corps following environmental group press release, sent copy of letter – CLOSED Contact: Margot Perez-Sullivan

**AZ Daily Star** – Reporter Tony Davis wanted update on Rosemont, sent copy of letter to Army Corps and let him know agency has no other updates at this time – CLOSED Contact: Margot Perez-Sullivan

**KJZZ** – reporter Mark Brodie had questions on PM 10 and PM 2.5 in Maricopa County, coordinated with Air and sent statement – CLOSED Contact: Margot Perez-Sullivan

**National Geographic:** Reporter Paul Voosen toured OII. He is writing a 1500 word essay on various superfund sites. Story will be published a year from now. SUPERFUND. CLOSED. (v). Nahal Mogharabi.

**Fresno Bee:** Health Reporter Barbara Anderson attended the Elm Health Center portion of the Administrator's visit to Fresno. CLOSED. (v). Nahal Mogharabi.

**Inside EPA:** Reporter Greg Hyatt is looking for information on EPA's review of locomotive rules and timing. Currently evaluating rules and materials. Sent brief statement. AIR. CLOSED (V). Nahal Mogharabi.

**Los Angeles Times:** Reporter Tony Barboza is requesting a one on one brief meeting with Administrator McCarthy to discuss her trip and some of her goals and objectives especially those that pertain to CA. Scheduled for tomorrow. CLOSED. (v). Nahal Mogharabi.

**USC Annenberg TV:** Student Reporter Christine Heider is looking to speak to someone regarding AllenCo. Will send statement. ENFORCEMENT. CLOSED. (v). Nahal Mogharabi.

**The following Media Advisory was issued:** EPA Chief Gina McCarthy to Visit LA River with LA Mayor Eric Garcetti, Army Corps. CLOSED. Nahal Mogharabi.

**LA Times:** Reporter Tony Barboza was looking for information on areas that were in non attainment for 1 -hr ozone. Sent info. AIR. CLOSED. (V). Nahal Mogharabi.

**LA Times:** Reporter Louis Sahagun may attend the LA River event with the Administrator. CLOSED. (V). Nahal Mogharabi.

The following outlets attended the tractor event in Fresno and participated in the media availability with the Administrator and Jared:

--**KMJ Radio:** Don York attended event. (V). CLOSED. Nahal Mogharabi.

--**Pacifica Radio:** Rick attended event. (V). CLOSED. Nahal Mogharabi.

--**ABC TV Fresno:** Participated in event. (V). CLOSED. Nahal Mogharabi.

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**Inside EPA:** Reporter Amanda Palleschi was looking for info and how it relates to the recent SRF NOV. WATER. CLOSED. Nahal Mogharabi.

**Inside EPA:** Reporter Curt Barry was looking for information on the PIO Pico Power plant. Sent statement. AIR. CLOSED. Nahal Mogharabi.

**Long Beach Business Journal:** Reporter Samantha Mehlinger will attend tomorrow's POLB event with the Administrator. Will bring a photographer. CLOSED. (V). Nahal Mogharabi.

**Epoch Times:** Reporter Robin Kemker is unable to make it to any of the LA Administrator events but is looking for photos and info on her visit. OPEN. (V). Nahal Mogharabi.

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**Associated Press** (San Francisco, Calif.): Provided Jason Dearen, reporter, response to inquiry on SRF announcement made today. CLOSED. WATER. (V) David Yogi.

**KQED:** Reporter Liza Gross had questions regarding possible downstream impacts from the Atlas and Coalinga Asbestos Mine Superfund Sites. OPEN. (V) Superfund. Rusty Harris-Bishop/David Yogi.

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## WEB

### Social Media:

**Administrator Gina’s McCarthy’s Visit** - Shared on Facebook and Twitter a [photo of Gina McCarthy and Gavin Newsom](#) at San Francisco’s Greasecycle program which converts used cooking oil to biodiesel. Shared a post on Facebook and Twitter about the Administrator’s visit to Fresno and linked to her blog, [America’s Farmers and Ranchers: Our Original Conservationists](#).

### Website Updates:

**Annual Tribal-EPA Conference** - Updated the link to the 2015 Annual Tribal-EPA Conference on our [Tribal Grant Funding](#) page.

**Regional Tribal Operations Committee (RTOC)** - Posted the October 2013 meeting documents to our [RTOC Past Meetings](#) page and posted information about upcoming RTOC meetings to the [RTOC](#) home page and other pages.

**Experimental Underground Injection Control Permit/Los Angeles** - Posted the notice of the public comment period to our [News and Events](#) page.

## CONGRESSIONAL & INTERGOVERNMENTAL

**Sen. Barbara Boxer (D-CA):** Brent Maier received word that Rafi Nazarian of the Senator’s Los Angeles office will attend the event and media availability with Administrator Gina McCarthy on Thursday at the Los Angeles River. Rafi will check in with Nahal Mogharabi to see if the event will go on as scheduled.

**EPA Exceptional Events Rulemaking Arizona-Only Listening Session:** A call was held today that was organized at the request of Sen. Jeff Flake. Sen. Jeff Flake made some opening remarks and Acting Assistant Administrator Janet McCabe made opening remarks. Other participants on this listening session call included ADEQ (Eric Massey, Brad Busby, Henry Darwin); Arizona Chamber of Commerce & Industry (Glenn Hammer, Gretchen Conger); Arizona Rock Products Association (Steve Trussell); Arizona Cattlemen’s Association (Bas Aja); and Maricopa Association of Governments (Lindy Bauer). Air Division’s Colleen McKaughan and Michael Flagg participated in this call and Brent Maier called in to listen to discussion.

**Congressional Outreach on California SRF Funding:** Brent Maier shared today’s press release announcement with the entire California Congressional delegation Congressional staff that it recently awarded the State of California \$174

million in federal funding to invest in water infrastructure projects. The California Department of Public Health received a \$79 million grant for its Drinking Water State Revolving Fund and the California State Water Resources Control Board received a \$95 million grant for its Clean Water State Revolving Fund.

**Rep. George Miller (D-CA-11):** Brent Maier was contacted by Jacqueline Silvers, Legislative Assistant in the Congressman's DC office following today's press release announcement that EPA recently awarded the State of California \$174 million in federal funding to invest in water infrastructure projects. Ms. Silvers was interested in knowing whether any of this funding would go toward projects in Congressman Miller's District. Brent let Ms. Silvers know that this funding goes to the California's State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) and to the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) to fund future projects which they have identified as priority projects. EPA does not have a direct say into which projects are funded by the SWRCB or CDPH. Brent did share a link to the State Water Resources Control Board website where there is posted an annual report as to the projects funded annually (Fiscal Year 2012 – 2013) of past projects funded.

**Rep. Gloria Negrete-McCloud (D-CA-35):** Brent Maier was contacted by Diego Preciado, Legislative Assistant in the Congresswoman's District office following today's press release announcement that EPA recently awarded the State of California \$174 million in federal funding to invest in water infrastructure projects. Ms. Silvers was interested in knowing whether any of this funding would go toward projects in Congressman Miller's District. Brent let Mr. Preciado know that this funding goes to the California's State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) and to the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) to fund future projects which they have identified as priority projects. EPA does not have a direct say into which projects are funded by the SWRCB or CDPH. Brent did share a link to the State Water Resources Control Board website where there is posted an annual report as to the projects funded annually (Fiscal Year 2012 – 2013) of past projects funded.

**Congressional Outreach on Fisher Sand & Gravel Settlement:** Brent Maier shared today's press release with Senators John McCain and Jeff Flake and Representatives Ann Kirkpatrick, Raul Grijalva, Paul Gosar, Matt Salmon, David Schweikert, Ed Pastor, Trent Franks, and Kyrsten Sinema regarding the U.S. Department of Justice and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency have issuing a civil penalty against Fisher Sand and Gravel of \$150,000 for failing to comply with dust mitigation regulations at three of its Maricopa County facilities.

**Sen. John McCain (R-AZ):** Brent Maier was contacted by Nick Matiella, Legislative Assistant in the Senator's DC office regarding his interest in a status update on where EPA is on the permitting and EIS work at the Rosemont Mine. Brent is checking in with Kelly Zito to confirm whether RA Blumenfeld stated that he would like to be made aware of all incoming requests on Rosemont Mine and his interest in taking these calls.

**Senator Brian Schatz (Hawaii)** Staffer Tim Torma emailed to check on the status of the Hawaii SRF grant announcements. Let him know they will be forthcoming as program issues are being worked on. Also, told him we would keep him informed of the timing. Torma also emailed Gerardo Rios in Air about a bioenergy plant, and coordinating with him on a response to Torma.